

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 745

Short Title: State Recognition - Tuscarora Nation of NC. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Reives, and Hanig (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 3, 2021

1 **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

2 **AN ACT TO GRANT STATE RECOGNITION TO THE SKAROREH KATENUAKA**
3 **NATION (TUSCARORA NATION OF INDIANS).**

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 71A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 "§ 71A-7.3. Skaroreh Katenuaka Nation of North Carolina (Tuscarora Nation of Indians);
8 rights, privileges, immunities, obligations, and duties.

9 The Indians now residing in small communities in various North Carolina counties, who in
10 1718 were granted a 56,000-acre tract of reservational lands on the Roanoke River in what is
11 now Bertie County and who are of the same linguistic stock as the other tribes of the Iroquois
12 Confederacy of New York and Canada, shall, from and after July 1, 2021, be designated and
13 officially recognized as the Skaroreh Katenuaka Nation of North Carolina (Tuscarora Nation of
14 Indians), and they shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and immunities as an
15 American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal governing body carrying out and exercising
16 substantial governmental duties and powers similar to the State, being recognized as eligible for
17 the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status
18 as Indians."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

